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DR MAHATHIR HAS MINOR OPERATION IN LEFT ANKLE

KUALA LUMPUR, May 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad underwent a minor operation to remove a blood clot in his left ankle at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Hospital in Cheras last night.

A statement from the Prime Minister's Office today said Dr Mahathir's condition was good and doctors had advised him to rest for a few days.

"The operation was carried out at 9.30pm and the blood clot has been removed. There is no damage to the bone or joint," the statement said.

Dr Mahathir is expected to be discharged in two or three days.

The statement said the Prime Minister hurt his left ankle after kicking a stone by accident and later there was swelling.

The incident occurred on Thursday, a day before the Prime Minister left for Egypt and Sudan.

On his return to Kuala Lumpur yesterday, Dr Mahathir was examined by specialists at the UKM hospital and they decided on the minor operation to remove the blood clot in the ankle.

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